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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

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The above-referenced documents are listed on Form PTO-1449. The documents marked with an asterisk were cited in the International Search Report submitted herewith and are therefore not enclosed in their entirety. The remaining patent publications were cited in the prosecution of the corresponding Germany application. We have enclosed copies of the foreign patent publications cited in the prosecution of the German application along with English abstracts corresponding to any non-English publications to facilitate reference to them.

Applicants respectfully submit that the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56 have been fulfilled, having submitted all known references in compliance

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with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98. Applicants believe that no fee is due at this time. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-2461.

In view of the present submission, it is believed that the above-referenced application is, in all respects, complete and in condition for examination and favorable consideration. If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

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